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## Local News

### Africare President Julius E. Coles Receives Amistad Achievement Award in New Orleans

Washington, D.C. (November 13, 2003) ... Africare President Julius E. Coles was presented with the 2003 Amistad Achievement Award by the Amistad Research Center at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA, on November 1, 2003. The award recognizes Coles' contributions over the past 40 years to the African continent. Coles was also recognized as having been a Crossroads Africa volunteer in Senegal early in his career. With this award, Coles was acknowledged for exemplifying the spirit and vision of Reverend James H. Robinson, who founded Crossroads Africa in 1958 to help build a better understanding and to develop ties between American and African students by having them work together on community development projects in Africa.

The Amistad Center's 18th Awards Ceremony Gala was attended by some 300 supporters of the Center. The recipients of the Center's Achievement Award reflect the goals and mission of the Center, which was established to collect, preserve, and make available to researchers literary and artistic collections that express the history of African-American and African people.

Other recipients of this year's award include Whitney J. LeBlanc, who is a designer, director, writer, producer, and teacher, and Edith Gee Jones, who is the President and Executive Director of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans. Previous award recipients have included Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis, Debbie Allen, Lionel Hampton, Cynthia Tucker, and August Wilson.

Africare is a leader in aid to Africa as well as the oldest and largest African-American organization specializing in African aid. Over its 33-year history, Africare has delivered more than \$450 million in assistance representing over 2,000 projects and millions of beneficiaries to 35 countries Africa-wide. Today, Africare's 150-plus programs reach families and communities in 25 nations in every region of Sub-Saharan Africa.

### Community Meetings

• Lubbock Area Client Council Second Saturday, 1:00 pm • Mae Simmons Community Center • Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G • Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd Saturday 4pm • Hooker I. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 • F. Gotten West Riders, First & Third Monday, 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Library • East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday at 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St. • Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm, T. J. Patterson Center • Dunbar Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Association Meeting Every Third Thursday 6:00 pm 1300 East 22nd Street (outreach center party house) • West Texas Native American Association Post 1466 Support our community events! • National Black Leadership Initiative Project • Educational presentations and demonstrations • Texas Historical Cultural & Historical Commission • Lubbock African Men at T. J. Patterson Branch Library 3rd Thursday 7 pm • West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Crossroads Library, 5520 7th Street, 7:30 • West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets 2nd Monday evening at 7:30 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center • The Parkway Graduate & Berry-Pain Neighborhood Association meets 3rd Tuesday evening 6:00 pm at 7:30 p.m. at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

We would like to publish your monthly meetings. If you would like for an announcement to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing by mail, fax or

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## Stenholm Votes to Provide Prescription Drug Relief to Senior Citizens

### Legislation Strongly Supported By Bush Administration

Washington D.C. - Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) voted for the final Conference Report version of H.R. 1, the Medicare prescription drug bill. The legislation was strongly supported by President Bush and the AARP.

The Medicare prescription drug bill was approved by the U.S. House of Representatives by a margin of 220 to 215 shortly before 6 a.m. Eastern Time. It now is up to the U.S. Senate to pass identical legislation, before it is sent to the President to sign into law.

"Our nation's senior citizens have waited for far too long to get some relief from dramatically increasing prescription drug costs," Stenholm said. "This bill is not perfect, but doing nothing is not an option. This legislation is an important step forward. We can't wait forever to get a perfect bill while seniors are struggling to buy the medicines they so desperately need today."

Stenholm cited the very strong assistance to low-income seniors who most need help paying for their medicines as one of the primary reasons he supported the bill. More than 24,000 seniors in Stenholm's Congressional District in West Texas have incomes below 150 percent of the federal poverty limit.

In 2001, the most recent year for which such figures are available, the federal poverty level for seniors was \$8,980 per individual and \$12,120 per couple. The 17th Congressional District ranks 34th among the 435 Congressional Districts in the number of seniors with incomes below 150 percent of poverty.

"As a representative of a district in which one-fourth of the seniors

live on low incomes, the benefits for these seniors that were added to the final agreement are important to me," Stenholm said.

Stenholm expressed reservations about approving new spending at a time of budget deficits, but noted that the cost of the bill was less than the \$400 billion that the President set aside for prescription drug reform in his budget earlier this year.

"I believe my vote for this bill was considerably more responsible than waiting for a perfect bill that would cost as much as \$1 trillion. Perfect legislation that never sees the light of day means nothing to seniors who are forced to choose between buying food and medicine or skipping on their doses of medicine," Stenholm said.

Stenholm said he was pleased the final compromise agreement made tremendous improvements compared to a previous version of the legislation that he opposed in the House of Representatives earlier this year. The final version of the Medicare reform bill incorporated important provisions advocated by Stenholm in a Motion to Instruct Conferees that he sponsored in the House of Representatives several weeks ago.

The chief elements of the Stenholm Motion that were included in the final Medicare prescription drug bill are a (1) guaranteed prescription drug plan that would be offered through the Medicare program in rural areas where private drug plans may not be available; a (2) strong package of assistance for rural health care providers, including increased reimbursement rates for hospitals, doctors and other health care providers in rural communities; and (3) the rejection of cuts in pay-

ments to hospitals, which was included in the earlier House version that Stenholm opposed.

"I fought hard to add important safeguards for individuals who live in rural areas into the final bill," Stenholm said. "These measures are critical to folks who live in rural communities, and I am glad we were successful in getting these improvements into the final bill."

According to the American Hospital Association, the Medicare reform bill would result in a financial benefit of \$81.5 million to hospitals in Stenholm's Congressional District over ten years.

In addition, the compromise legislation did not include provisions that would have moved Medicare towards privatization. Stenholm opposed those provisions when they were included in the earlier House version of the bill.

Members of Congress had only 24 hours to review the 1,081-page bill, instead of the usual 72 hours required by the rules of the House of Representatives.

"There is no question I have reservations about this legislation," Stenholm said. "I am disappointed the bill does not do more to reduce the overall price of prescription drugs, and I am concerned about the subsidies this bill offers to private plans that compete with traditional Medicare."

Stenholm added, "The prescription drug bill doesn't do enough to solve the long-term problems facing the Medicare program, but it is a step in the right direction. I am willing to give this legislation a chance, but we must closely watch it once it becomes law and not hesitate to step in and make changes to the law if it doesn't work properly."

## Minister Latrice A. Godfrey

Minister Latrice A. Godfrey was guest speaker on Sunday afternoon, November 30, 2003, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Wendell Davis is pastor.



## Ches Carthel Reassigned to Focus on Water Planning

Interim City Manager Tommy Gonzalez has temporarily reassigned civil engineer Ches Carthel to the position of Water Planning Engineer to focus on current and future water issues.

Carthel has been with the City of Lubbock since 1998, and his most recent assignment was Chief Engineer for the Public Works division. As the Water Planning Engineer, Carthel will work with the immediate and long-term water issues facing Lubbock.

"Ches will be the key person in the planning and implementation of our water programs," Gonzalez said. "He will work with everyone who is involved with securing water for Lubbock. He will liaison with our consultants from WaterTexas, with the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, the Lubbock Water Advisory Committee and all the City departments."

Gonzalez said Carthel will implement a 100 Day Plan that includes the following eight major actions:

- \* Request additional water conservation measures from the top 100 water users
- \* Present to the City Council a revised irrigation ordinance to reduce water waste
- \* Convert Maxey and Lopez Park irrigation water to groundwater
- \* Complete evaluation of converting all parks to groundwater for

irrigation

- \* Enhance existing water supplies
- \* Evaluate using existing groundwater resources within the City of Lubbock for drinking water use
- \* Present to the City Council mandatory water conservation measures
- \* Present to the City Council a recommendation of a firm to analyze the water and sanitary sewer rate structure for possible modification

"Our goal is to achieve a reduction in drinking water demand from five to ten percent by implementing this plan," said Carthel. "And the goal is to do this by March 10."

Carthel added, "A safe, reliable and adequate water supply is critical to the survival and prosperity of any community, and we face a possible shortfall primarily due to declining water levels in Lake Meredith."

The 100 Day Plan is just the beginning of Lubbock's process for addressing water issues. There will be other measures introduced in later months.

"There is no one single issue more vital to the growth and quality of life in Lubbock than water," said Gonzalez. "Water is a necessary part of our lives and our continued growth. I appreciate Mr. Carthel taking on this challenge as we deal with our short and long term water needs."

## FDA Identifies Green Onions as Hepatitis A Source

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is advising the public that several recent Hepatitis A outbreaks across the nation have been associated with eating raw or undercooked green onions (scallions). There has been no increase noted in Hepatitis A incidence in the Lubbock community, however.

Hepatitis A is a liver disease that develops within six weeks of an exposure. Hepatitis A is usually mild and characterized by jaundice (yellow discoloration of the skin), fatigue, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, nausea, diarrhea, and fever. It can occasionally be severe, especially in people with liver disease.

Hepatitis A outbreaks associated with raw or undercooked green onions served in restaurants occurred in Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia in September. Another outbreak of Hepatitis A among patrons of a single restaurant occurred in Pennsylvania during late October and early November, although the source of the outbreak has not yet been determined. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the State of Pennsylvania have an investigation underway to determine if a specific food is associated with the Pennsylvania outbreak, and if so, the exact source.

The source of the green onions in the Tennessee outbreak is Mexico. The FDA is continuing to investigate and is working with Mexican authorities to assess appropriate measures. Though there has been no increase in Hepatitis A infection in our community, FDA and the City of Lubbock Health

Department offer the following advice to consumers concerned about the possibility of getting Hepatitis A from green onions:

- \* Cook green onions thoroughly. This minimizes the risk of illness by reducing or eliminating the virus.
- \* Cook in a casserole or sauté in a skillet.
- \* Check food purchased at restaurants and delicatessens and ask whether menu items contain raw or lightly cooked green onions.
- \* Consumers who wish to reduce the risk of contracting hepatitis should avoid food that contains raw green onions and specifically request that raw or lightly cooked green onions not be added to their food.
- \* Foods such as freshly prepared salsa and green salads often contain raw green onions.

The FDA, CDC and the States are actively investigating the outbreaks in an attempt to determine the exact source of the green onions associated with the outbreaks and how they became contaminated, so that corrective action can be taken. While the investigations are ongoing, the FDA will closely monitor the safety of green onions and will take further actions as necessary to protect consumers. Consumers who have recently eaten raw or lightly cooked green onions do not need to take any specific measures, but should monitor their health. Consumers who are experiencing symptoms that could be Hepatitis A should consult their health care providers or the City of Lubbock Health Department.



Colomer USA Multicultural Group served as the official hair stylists for The Miss Black USA Pageant this past August. Under the direction of Colomer's Technical and Artistic Director Pat Grant Williams, who also served as a judge for the pageant, ten members of the company's internationally renowned styling team were on site all week to create the winning styles for this year's pageant. The team used products from the Revlon Professional™ Realistic®, Creme of Nature®, African Pride® and Arosol® brands. Pictured clockwise from top left: Miss Nevada Elizabeth Muto in the styling chair, who would be later crowned Miss Black USA 2003; Muto, the new Miss Black USA, on the runway; Williams and Colomer USA Educator Ralph Ochoa; Stylist Jeniffer Brooks-Sutton styles Ms. Florida's hair before the pageant.

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## Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

### The Affair of the Necklace

Jewelry Designers are going global. Folk art necklaces that take their inspiration from the wealth of different cultures.

Lively colors and vivid patterns are romantically embracing the neck line.

More is more to a point! A simple coral beaded strand, turquoise

rocks and hewn stones stacked randomly high, leather stripes and buckle straps.

Floral, sequin, fringe, swinging chandeliers add a whiff of worldliness ..... African mahogany textiles, Mexican fiestas, Aztec motifs, Indian woven arrangements arranged fashionably together!



Ladies, its all about the clash, the beautiful culture clash.

Fashion Tip ... Always wear a smile Fashion ... Just for the fun of it

## CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

The Annual Women's Day was held at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon, November 16, 2003, with the theme: "Women Of Faith: Staying In The Race." The sponsor was Mission One and the officers are: Sister Mamie Dewberry, president; Sister Carolyn McWilliams, first vice president; Sister Amanda Dial, second vice president; Sister May Stephens, secretary; Sister Ann Crowder, assistant secretary; Sister Christine Evans, treasurer; Sister Clarissa Burrell, assistant treasurer; Sister Christine Evens, Bible Band; Sister Ruth Curry, GA coordinator; and Sister Ann Crowder, communications.

The program consisted of following ladies of the community: Sister Linda Woods, Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, "Today's Praying Women"; Sister Shelia Harris, Bethel AME Church, "Today's Committed Women"; Sister Lillian Waters, Community Baptist Church, "Today's Faithful Women"; and Sister Mary Cato, Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, "Today's Blessed Women"; and Sister Mamie Dewberry, Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, who gave closing remarks. Rev. J.H. Ford is pastor. Rev. Sister Ella Mae

McDonald of Dallas, Texas was special guest at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday morning, November 16, 2003. She was also made an Honorary Citizen last Sunday morning. Visiting their parents and grandparents last weekend were T.J. and Ursula Patterson and children of Mansfield, Texas; Avis Patterson-Williams and Marcus Williams of Cincinnati, Ohio and Zariueus Patterson of Newport Beach, California, T.J. & Bobbie Patterson. All reported a wonderful weekend.

New location for Santa Land will be at Mackenzie Park this year, beginning December 10 thru 23, 2003. Admission is free.

Broadway Festivals will sponsor the all new Lights in the Canyon beginning November 21, 2003, through December 27, 2003. There will be one-half million lights on display.

Let us not forget the upcoming "Women In Crimson and Sliver Banquet" set for Friday evening, December 5, 2003, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the University Medical Center's McInturff Center. This event is being sponsored by the Women Missionary Society of New Hope Baptist Church.

Rehearsal for the Banquet Drama, "Gospel Train", will be held Thursday evening,

November 20th; and Monday, November 24th, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Election of officers for the Women Missionary Society of New Hope Baptist Church will be held Monday evening, November 24, 2003, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with the Praise Team during a splendid job. The morning scripture was read by Rev. Merelle McCutcheon, and prayer was offered by Rev. Cheryl Martin.

Pastor Billy R. Moton's sermon was entitle "In Thou Presence is Fullness of Joy." His scripture was Psalms 16:11. It was another outstanding sermon.

Announcements for the morning were read by Sister Lottie Barrow. Sister Cleothia Quigley welcomed all visitors.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Among them are Brother Harry Stokley, a patient in Covenant Health System, room 871-S; Brother Virgil Johnson, Covenant Health System, room 503-W; and Brother Cedric Johnson.

Sister Margaret Moton's mother, Sister Ilee Groce is ill at this report.

## Libray Events

The Lubbock Public Library will be accepting canned food in place of late fees from November 29 through December 7. One can of food will be accepted for each dollar owed. Food may be turned in at any of the four library locations, and will be given to the South Plains Food Bank. Pay off your library fines and make a difference this holiday season. For more information, please call 775-2834.

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a discussion of the book *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith* by Annie Lamott at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 4. Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book are available for checkout at all Lubbock Public Libraries. This program is made possible by the Friends of the Library. For more information, please call 767-3733.

## North University Gateway Contract Linked

The City Council approved a \$53,850 contract on November 6 with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. (PSC) for design development, bid documents and project supervision for the North University Gateway Enhancement project.

The project, a dynamic gateway for the community, will be constructed in the right-of-way on property located at 2422 3rd Street and 210 University Avenue (3rd St. and University Ave.).

City Council member Victor Hernandez said, "This enhancement will draw attention to one of the most historic parts of our city. It will be an extremely attractive part of the neighborhood during the day and especially at night when it is lighted."

The PSC design will feature streetscape enhancement that includes new landscaping, irrigation, new pedestrian paving, accent lighting and a metal tower designed with a Spanish Renaissance flavor. The design also will include banners and lighting along this section of University Avenue.

The project cost of \$500,000 is funded by a Streets Capital Project approved in the 1999 bond election. Once the gateway is completed, the City of Lubbock will maintain the landscaping, irrigation and street lighting for an estimated annual cost of \$4,700.

"The City Council unanimously approved this contract," Mr. Hernandez said. "I am looking forward to the completion of this project in due haste."

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PSALM 24:1 THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND THE FULLNESS THEREOF, THE WORLD AND THEY THAT DWELL THERE IN.

I WASHED MY HANDS AND PATTED OUT ABOUT 30 DEER SAUSAGES, MISS OPHELIA HAD 2 RESTAURANT SIZE TUBS FULL. MY HEART WENT OUT FOR HER AND I SAID, I'M GOING TO HELP YOU WITH THESE. THERE ARE TOO MANY FOR YOU TO DO, SHE SAID, YOU'RE GOING TO MISS YOUR FOOTBALL GAMES. I SAID, IT WASN'T MEANT FOR ME TO SEE THEM, THE WAY MY LUCK'S BEEN GOING.

WE SAT AND TALKED AND PATTED OUT ABOUT 1 1/2 TUBS, WHEN MY DAD CAME IN, HE SAID, BOY I THOUGH YOU WOULD BE ALMOST TO DALLAS BY NOW- SO HE WASHED HIS HANDS AND HELPED, WE FINISHED. I SAID I CAME DOWN TO FISH AND DIDN'T, I WAS TO SEE MY FOOTBALL GAME S AND DIDN'T, I'M SELF EMPLOYED, AND DON'T HAVE TO WORK MONDAY. I'LL STAY OVER AND LEAVE IN THE MORNING, SO LETS GO FISHING!!!

HEBREWS 12:7, IF YOU ENDURE CHASTENING, GOD DEALS WITH YOU AS WITH SONS; FOR WHAT SON IS HE WHOM THE FATHER CHASTENS NOT?

THEY GAVE ME THE BEST SPOT ON THE FISHING TANK, THE SPOT WHERE YOU COULD SEE THE BACKS OF THE FISH 10 TO 12 INCHES, UNDER THE BIG TREE WHERE MY GRANDFATHER WOULD FISH WHEN HE WAS ALIVE. EVANGELIST BILLY MORRISON, I THREW MY HOOK INTO THE WATER, AND MY GRANDFATHER'S DOG AND MY DOG STARTED FIGHTING. PAPA DIED IN 1976, HIS DOG WAS FIGHTING MINE WHICH WAS IN HEAT AS I LOOKED AROUND, I SAID, PAPA'S DOG IS TRYING TO MAKE SOME LITTLE ONES, BUT MY DOG IS PUTTING UP A FIGHT. AS I SAID THAT, I HEARD A CRACK, I DIDN'T PAY IT ANY ATTENTION, THEN I HEARD IT AGAIN, ONLY LOUDER, NOW I KNEW IT WAS WOOD BREAKING, BUT I DIDN'T LOOK AROUND, AND IT CAME EVEN LOUDER, CRRRR-ACK.

THEN I LOOKED AROUND AT THE MIDDLE OF THE TREE, AND DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING BREAKING, I LOOKED UP INTO THE TREE, AND THEN CAME A BRANCH ABOUT 1-8 FEET LONG AND 12 INCHES ROUND, IT WAS COMING AT ME, I HOLDERED, LOOK OUT, AND I JUMPED BACK, AND IT FELL ABOUT 5 FEET FROM ME, IT SCARED ME, MISS OPHELIA SAID, B.J. WHEN YOU MENTIONED YOUR PAPA'S NAME IT HAPPENED, I SAID, I DON'T KNOW WHAT MADE IT FALL, BUT MAYBE THE LORD DON'T WANT US TO FISH ON SUNDAY. HYPHESIST BEGAN TO PULL IN MY LINE.

HEBREWS 12:8, BUT IF YOU BE WITHOUT CHASTISEMENT, WHEREOF ALL ARE PARTAKERS, THEN YOU ARE BASTARDS, AND NOT SONS.

AS I WAS STANDING LOOKING IN THE WATER, THE WARM SUN WAS ON MY BACK, I SAID, THE SUN FEELS GOOD, I DIDN'T KNOW IF I MEANT ME, THE SON OR THE SUN ON MY BODY, BUT I WALKED OVER BETWEEN MY DAD AND MISS OPHELIA, AND SAID, I HEARD THAT YOU'LL HAVE A PROBLEM, THEY SAID, WE SURE DO, THEY KEPT ON FISHING AS I TALKED WITH THEM, I TOLD THEM THE BIG NATIONS TAKE TIME TO TALK, WHEN TRYING TO WORK THINGS OUT.

EPHESIANS 5:1,2, BE YE THEREFORE FOLLOWERS OF GOD, AS DEAR CHILDREN, AND WALK IN LOVE, AS CHRIST ALSO HATH LOVE US, AND HATH GIVEN HIMSELF FOR US AS AN OFFERING AND A SACRIFICE TO GOD FOR A SWEET-SMELLING SAVOUR.

I WAS STANDING WITH MY ROD AND REEL IN MY HAND, WHEN WE HEARD A HORN BLOW IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE, SOMEONE WAS BLOWING BUT WE

COULDN'T SEE THEM, AS WE LOOKED TOWARD THE HOUSE, THE HORN BLEW AGAIN, SOMETHING ICE COLD CAME OVER ME, DAD SAID, THAT'S THE PREACHER'S HORN HE IS ON HIS WAY TO CHURCH, WITH NOBODY HOME HE'LL GO ON, I SAID, PREACHER'S HORN OR GABRIEL'S HORN!!! THAT'S MY HORN, SOMETHING IS TELLING ME I CAN GO TO DALLAS NOW, DAD SAID YOU KIDDING I SAID NO, I GOT TO GO NOW, SO WE SHOOK HANDS AND HUGGED, AND SAID GOOD-BYE, I CALLED MY DOG AND STARTED OUT GARLAND, TEXAS.

I REMEMBER MY OLD SCHOOL TEACHER, MR. GEORGE SCOTT, JR. OF DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL, TELLING US WHEN WE'D COME IN TO HIS CLASSROOM, JUST AS THE BELL WOULD SOUND, HE WOULD SAY, DON'T YOU'LL BE LATE WHEN GABRIEL BLOWS HIS HORN.

DEUTERONOMY 8:5, YOU SHALL ALSO CONSIDER IN YOUR HEART, THAT AS A MAN CHASTENETH HIS SON, SO THE LORD YOUR GOD CHASTENETH THEE.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON III, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS



## from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Giving Thanks

It's that time of year again where we give thanks to God in a special way. When most of us think of Thanksgiving, we think of giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, green bean casserole, rolls, mashed potatoes, sweet potato pie, and of course, turkey. Some of us even add ham to the menu.

What else do we associate with Thanksgiving? Families getting together. The children playing meaningful games with each other, while the grownups dozed off after a delicious meal trying to watch football on the television.

21st century Americans have a lot to be thankful for. However,

because we live in a highly-developed society where we have much wealth, and where other people of the world see us as incredibly wealthy and have developed an ill taste in their moth toward us. We take for granted things like food, clothing, and shelter. Most Americans have two or more TV's, a VCR and a DVD and consider them to be a necessity rather than luxuries.

Most of us are familiar with the traditional story of Thanksgiving where William Bradford, of Plymouth Rock, proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving to celebrate the survival of the Pilgrims in their second year in the New World, as well as an abundant harvest that they had reaped with the aid of the Indians.

There is another story told in record history of a Thanksgiving that took place in Virginia. The winter of 1510 at Jamestown had reduced a group of 409 settlers to 60. The survivors prayed for help, without knowing who, or how it might come. When help arrived, in the form of a ship filled with food and supplies from England, a prayer meeting was held to give thanks to God.

In face of the problems that we face in Iraq and the hatred toward American across the globe, we really don't know how blessed we are. We ought to be more thankful than what we are. We ought to celebrate Thanksgiving for God has certainly been good to each of us. It does not matter what is or has been going on in

your life, no matter what your circumstances, you are supposed to be thankful. I believe that if you are a Christian whether you are eating in a very nice restaurant or cleaning the toilet, you ought to give thanks. Whether you get a promotion or raised, or get the pink slip and shown the door, you ought to be thankful. I believe whether you are strong or healthy and full of life, or sick and disease, you ought to give thanks.

God has a good and wise purpose for everything He allows in our lives, even pain and suffering. In every situation, we are to have an attitude of thankfulness toward God.

## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want to give you something to think about. Here it is "The Five Fingers of Prayer"

### FIVE FINGERS OF PRAYER

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The Five Fingers of Prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. Begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. The are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."

2. The next finger is the pointing

finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray

for those who are weak, in trouble, or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our little finger, the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you, the last shall be first." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective, and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord,

for He is good! Don't focus so much on the turkey this Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, but be sure to give thanks to the one who's responsible for you having that turkey, or whatever your meal plans may be on this day.

Have a Happy and Prayful Thanksgiving Day is our prayer for each of you, our beloved readers.

Those who are hurting, the answer is in Jesus. Read II Chronicles 7:14 and St. Mark 11:22-26.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, treasurer.

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSTS INTERNATIONAL GIFT MARKET

On Saturday, December 6, Covenant Presbyterian church will impact the lives of artisans around the world by selling their exquisite, handcrafted gifts and home decor. The International Gift Market, which will be held at 4600 48th St. from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., offers a unique opportunity for citizens in Lubbock and the

surrounding communities to change the world and learn more about skilled artisans in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Covenant Presbyterian Church has hosted the festival for 5 years, each year showcasing handcrafted items marketed by Ten Thousand Villages.

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1 Timothy 6:12; Jude 3

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### St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, November 23, 2003, services at St. Matthew Baptist Church begun at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School.

Rev. Sister Nina Davis taught the Sunday School Lesson. The review was given by Pastor Edward Canady. What a wonderful lesson.

Rev. Edward Canady delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "When The Dead Come Alive." His scripture text was Ezekiel 37:1-10. What a magnificent sermon. Those words will help all who were in attendance.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church's Women Missionary Society invites everyone to be part of their Annual Women's Day which is set for Saturday morning, November 29, 2003, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend, and all are welcome. Sister Annie Stanley is president.

Thought For The Week: "To lead others out of darkness, let them see your light."





## In Remembrance...



Jessie Carl Jackson

Funeral services for Jessie Carl Jackson were held last Friday morning, November 21, 2003, at St. Matthew Baptist Church with Rev. Edward Canady, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direc-

tion of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Mr. Jackson passed away on Saturday, November 15, 2003.

He is survived by his mother, a daughter, four step-daughters, six step-sons, three sisters, four brothers, five nieces, an uncle, an aunt, other relatives, and friends.

## Booths Available at Copper-Rawlings Bazaar

Copper Rawlings Community Center will be hosting their 2nd Annual Holiday Crafts Bazaar on Saturday, December 6, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., at their center located at 213 40th Street.

Limited booth space is available for area vendors and artisans who would like to rent a booth. Pricing is \$10.00 for a 6 x 6 booth, and one six foot table is provided for each booth.

For more information on booth rentals, contact 767-2704.

## Legal Aid of Northwest Texas Will Meet

There will be a meeting of the Legal Aid of Northwest Texas Board of Directors on Saturday, December 13, 2003 at 10:30 a.m., at the Law Offices of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, 2727 N. Harwood, Dallas, TX 75201.

The public is invited to attend.

## TDH Targets Troubling Toys

Money is tight, but you need to buy a toy for your nephew who is in his "terrible twos." You find a great deal on a stuffed animal at a small discount store. Is it terrific or is it trouble?

Well, that depends. "Often product-recall information from manufacturers does not get to discount and bargain stores because they buy their merchandise through auctions rather than from the manufacturer," said Annabelle Dillard, product safety expert with the Texas Department of Health (TDH). For that reason, TDH inspectors will focus on secondary markets such as discount and bargain stores during "Toy Sweep," an annual campaign to educate Texas retailers about the latest recall information and to remind consumers that certain items have been recalled and are not safe for children.

Each fall - just before the big holiday shopping season - TDH's product safety inspectors visit retail stores making sure that certain recalled toys are no longer available and giving retailers detailed information about each of the recalled items. This year's event will be Nov. 17-20 in stores in the Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Austin areas.

Inspectors have 10 toys and five children's furniture products on their list this year. Some of the products that recently have been recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) are a pendant that is high in lead content; pacifiers that come apart; a plush toy with small parts; bunk beds that pose a strangulation hazard because of the spacing between the guard rails; a changing table whose poor design could cause strangulation hazard; and children's chairs that tend to break.

"Choking hazards are the most common reasons products are recalled," said Dillard, adding that toys or games with small parts cannot legally be sold for use by children under 3. Toys containing small parts that are for children 3 through 6 must have a warning label, and toys that generate heat must have a warning to alert parents and children to the risk of burns or electrical shock. Dillard said a new product that inspec-

tors will be discussing with retailers this year is a yo-yo water ball. TDH has received complaints that the stretchy cord of the toy can wrap around a child's neck when the child swings the toy overhead like a lasso. No recall has been issued on them, but the CPSC has issued a warning.

Some tips for buyers:

\* Buy toys that are age-appropriate for the child. Toy and game manufacturers test their products for safety according to how they should be used by children and include age-range recommendations on their packages.

\* Look for quality construction and design. Can the product withstand an assault by your 2-year-old nephew?

\* Don't buy anything that has sharp glass or metal edges for children under 8.

\* When shopping for children under the age of 3, avoid small toys or toys with small parts that could come off. A good rule of thumb: If the item is small enough to fit through the cardboard spool from a toilet-tissue roll, it's not appropriate for children under 3.

\* Assemble toys properly. Many manufacturers offer assistance by phone if you need help.

The CPSC Web site www.cpsc.gov is a good resource for retailers and consumers who want the latest information on recalled products. The CPSC has a free e-mail subscription list that is notified each time a recall is issued.

People who have concerns about specific products can call TDH's product safety division at (888) 778-9440 toll free in Texas. Inspectors follow up on complaints and investigate hazards associated with products. Products are tested and, if necessary, sent to laboratories for further testing.

Findings are then evaluated and notices of violation will be issued to manufacturers if necessary. If the product is distributed nationally, these findings also will be forwarded to the CPSC for further enforcement action on the federal level.

# Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

By Gerald Jackson

**Question:** What is the difference between grace and mercy?

**Answer:** Before I answer the question, let me say a great big AMEN to God for both grace and mercy. Without these two wonderful blessings we all would be hell bound and hell deserving.

*Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...*

This question will be answered from the view-point of salvation. Obviously grace and mercy have other applications in the human experience. But, in order for me to answer the question within the length of this column I will restrict the answer to the salvation perspective. Surely, if anyone were to attempt to write a treatise on grace alone it would require every newspaper in this country to contain it.

Let me begin first by giving the definition of each word. Grace is receiving the favor of another. It is a free gift given to someone motivated solely by the love and or generosity of the giver. Mercy is the benevolent action or inaction that does not give a person a punishment that they rightly deserve. It is withholding the righteous vengeance that

should be given to those who do not do God's will. In effect, grace and mercy are the opposite ends of a loving and benevolent relationship. There is the free gift of grace that saves us from our sins. Followed up by mercy that

does not send us to hell for sins we have committed against our Lord. Both grace and mercy only apply to those who are saved (see discussion about those who are saved in two previous issues). But, when

one has been saved, that person has received grace and mercy. Paul tells us that faith introduces us to grace. "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand and we exult in hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5:1,2). To make sure that we understand the depth of His love for us God gives us his mercy "But God, being rich in mercy because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heav-

enly places, in Christ Jesus, in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:4-7).

God saved us by grace. It is the free gift of God (Romans 3:24). He withheld the punishment of eternal torment in hell for those who love Him and obey Him. He wants us to be with Him in glory forever. Thank God for grace and mercy. May His grace and mercy give you strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

Grace and peace,  
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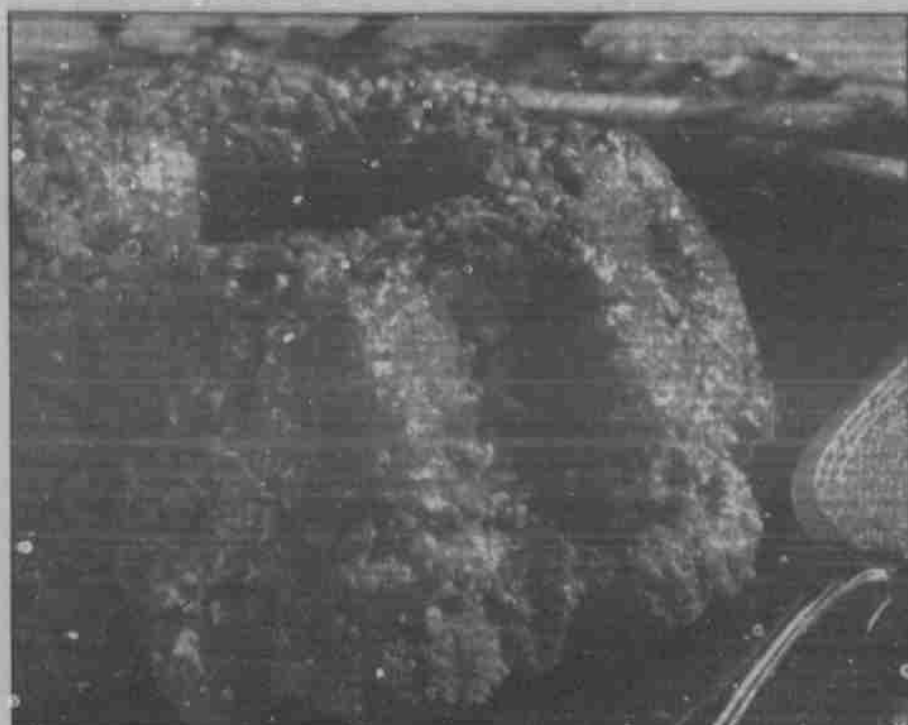


# COOKING CORNER

## Cinnamon-Orange Happy Bread

- 4 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel (optional)
- 1 cup heavy (whipping) cream
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted

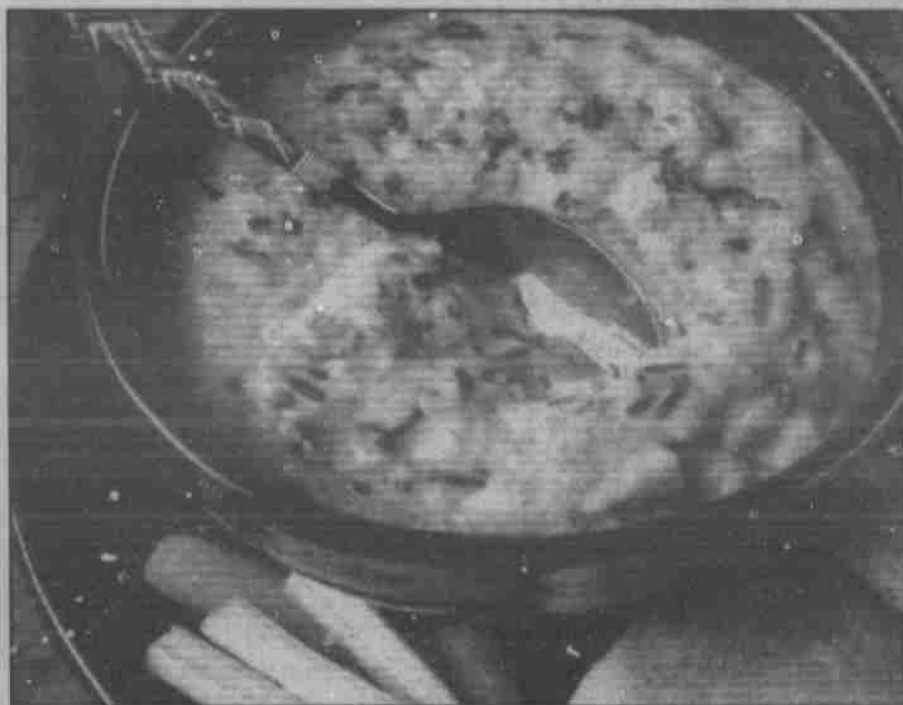
In large bowl, stir together biscuit and baking mix, 1/4 cup sugar, orange peel, cream and milk to make a soft dough. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix. Knead 7 to 10 times. Divide into about 30 balls. In small bowl, combine 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon. Roll each ball in cinnamon-sugar. Place in a bundt cake pan or tube pan that has been generously coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle any remaining cinnamon-sugar over balls. Drizzle butter over top. Bake at 400 degrees for 24 to 28 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately invert onto serving platter and serve. Makes 1 coffee cake (12 to 16 servings).



## Creamy Wild Rice, Turkey & Mushroom Soup

- 1 large onion, chopped (about 2 cups)
- 2 cups thinly sliced celery
- 1 package (8 oz.) fresh mushrooms, chopped or thinly sliced (about 2 cups)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup uncooked white rice
- 1/2 cup uncooked wild rice
- 1 carton or can (32 oz.) chicken broth
- 1 package (2.75 oz.) peppered or country gravy mix (Pioneer Brand recommended)
- 3 1/2 cups milk
- 2 cups coarsely chopped roasted turkey (use leftover turkey, if available)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley or 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes

In large sauce pan or Dutch oven, cook and stir onion, celery, mushrooms and garlic in oil over medium heat until onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Add white and wild rices; cook and stir for 2 minutes. Add chicken broth; heat to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 30 minutes or until wild rice is tender. Return to a boil. Dissolve gravy mix in milk; stir into boiling mixture. Add turkey and parsley. Cook over low heat until thickened slightly and heated through. Serve with hot biscuits. Makes 8 servings.



## The Ultimate Holiday Gravy

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine
- 1 large onion, finely chopped (2 cups)
- 1 package (2.75 oz.) peppered or country gravy mix (Pioneer Brand recommended)
- 3 cups low-sodium chicken broth (divided)
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley (optional)

In large skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add onion; cook and stir until onion is translucent, 8 to 10 minutes. Dissolve gravy mix in 1/2 cup cool chicken broth; set aside. Pour remaining 2 1/2 cups broth into onion mixture; heat to boiling. Add dissolved gravy mix; cook and stir until thickened. Stir in parsley. Add additional chicken broth or water to thin, if necessary. Makes 3 1/2 cups gravy (8 to 10 servings).

### Holiday Buttery Biscuits

- 3 cups buttermilk biscuit & baking mix (Pioneer Brand recommended)
  - 1 cup milk
  - 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted (divided)
- In mixing bowl, stir together biscuit and baking mix, milk and 3 tablespoons melted butter until dough forms a ball. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix. Knead 7 or 8 times. Roll out dough to 3/4-inch thickness. Using a 2 1/2-inch biscuit cutter, cut out biscuits. Place about 1 inch apart on baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Brush with remaining 1 tablespoon butter. Serve warm with The Ultimate Holiday Gravy. Makes 10 to 12 biscuits.



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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## ABA President Says New Reports Show "Conveyor Belt Justice" Hurting Children and Undermining Public Safety

(Editor's Note: In place of this weekly column this week, this writer is running an article by Dennis W. Archer, former mayor of Detroit, Michigan, former president of the National League of Cities (NLC) and now the new president of the American Bar Association. We are losing our children to the justice system and not reclaiming most of them. This article should shed some light.)

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The American Bar Association released a series of reports identifying institutional problems that prevent six states' juvenile defense systems from providing indigent children with adequate defense representation. The reports, which reviewed access to counsel and quality of legal representation for indigent juveniles in Maine, Maryland, Montana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Washington, were prepared at the invitation of and in cooperation with local indigent juvenile defense organizations.

"The conditions in each state are unique, but these reports paint a disturbing picture," said ABA President Dennis W. Archer. "Too many children, particularly children of color, fall victim to conveyor belt justice—with kids rushed through a system riddled with institutional flaws, without regard for their individual cases or needs. The net result is a massive misdirection of resources that fails children, and undermines public safety."

While based on ABA standards, the conclusions contained in the reports have not been considered or approved by the ABA House of Delegates, and do not reflect the official positions or policies of the Association.

"Many of my colleagues on the bench and I are concerned that the children rushed through the system and into juvenile detention centers today are the same people we'll see later in adult courts," Louisiana juvenile court judge Ernestine Gray. "Once the system gets hold of these kids, unless they receive an adequate and zealous defense, they're too often lost forever."

The studies are part of a nationwide effort to evaluate state juvenile defense systems to determine

whether those systems are working to protect children's constitutional and statutory rights. The new studies bring the number of states evaluated to 12.

The six reports released today follow previous assessments conducted in Georgia (2001), Kentucky (2002), Louisiana (2001 and 2002), Ohio (2003), Texas (2000), and Virginia (2002).

The successes and failures reported in each state varied, but the six new studies—along with the earlier studies—identified several common problems. Among the key findings common to the new reports are:

Juvenile court lawyers have excessive caseloads, preventing many from having meaningful contact with their clients, and receive inordinately low compensation, preventing them from being able to provide effective representation to those clients;

Many youths do not have counsel at critical stages of the juvenile justice process, despite the law's clear mandate and the harmful consequences of not having a lawyer;

Because most juvenile defense lawyers are not provided training to help identify treatment alternatives to detention, lawyers are incapable of effectively protecting their clients' rights and advocating for their treatment needs; Because more appropriate alternatives to detention are rarely explored, juvenile justice systems tend to rely too heavily on detention and probation; Juvenile detention systems are becoming dumping grounds for mentally ill children and school-related referrals;

Post-disposition representation of adjudicated youth is virtually non-existent, with lawyers rarely having the time or resources to visit their clients in placement or follow up to ensure that court-ordered treatment has been delivered or effective; Defense attorneys typically have access to fewer resources, such as investigators and technology, than the prosecutors they face in court;

Although it is common knowledge that teenage clients pose particular challenges for lawyers, most receive no training in adolescent development; and

The failings of the juvenile justice

system have a disproportionate impact on children of color and indigent youth.

In addition to identifying overlapping problems in the six states evaluated, the reports released today also shared similar recommendations for correcting those deficiencies. All three branches of government can play a role in remedying the problems highlighted in the assessments. The reports recommended, for example:

Greater state oversight and attention and the creation of independent commissions and task forces to further study juvenile defense issues;

Oversight hearings by Congress and state legislatures; Increased efforts by juvenile court judges to ensure that youth are aware of their right to counsel and do not go unrepresented at crucial court proceedings;

Greater interest and involvement of state bar associations to provide support and training to juvenile defenders;

Ongoing collection of data on appointment of defense counsel, frequency of juvenile waiver of counsel, caseloads, spending on juvenile defense, and training and resources needs; and Increased parental involvement and understanding of the juvenile indigent defense system.

"Effective defense representation can make all the difference," said Archer. "Lawyers who are trained to handle issues unique to juvenile defense and capable of finding appropriate alternatives to detention can help keep kids from getting trapped in the system and decrease their likelihood of becoming adult offenders later in life."

Copies and summaries of the Maine, Maryland, Montana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Washington reports as well as previous state assessments can be found on the Internet at [www.abanet.org/media](http://www.abanet.org/media).

The American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership association in the world. With more than 400,000 members, the ABA provides law school accreditation, continuing legal education, information about the law, programs to assist lawyers and judges in their work, and initiatives to improve the legal system for the public.



### In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

It has been said that most parents do not have favorites among their children when they have more than one. Then there are those who will say that all parents have a favorite child. The truth of the situation lies with what the parent knows, feels or says. Most parents will say that they love all of their children equally and for some this may very well be the truth. There are those who will say that they really do have a favorite, but only they know which one it is because they treat them all the same. I have witnessed siblings questioning their mother, while she lay dying, about which one of them was her favorite. Even in her state, she avoided answering the questions and they never found out which one she favored.

Then, there are those instances in which parents do their best to avoid showing favoritism, and things just do not lend themselves to that position. This is often the case of adult children in their relationship with their parents. It can really be an explosive situation when parents divorce and a home is broken. Children are often left in the care of their mother and too often it depends on the attitude of the mother as to the kind of relationship that they will have with their father. The same is true when the father is the caretaker. Most

children tend to cling to the parent who is the caretaker.

The attitudes formed about parents by children from a broken home not only affects how they relate to their parents, it also affects how they relate to each other. The better the relationship with both parents the better the relationship among the siblings. Siblings will squabble about their parents, squabble with their parents and in some instances squabble against their parents. The real showdown comes when a parent becomes disabled or dies.

Disability and death brings out the strongest feelings among siblings and in many instances, their deepest feelings of love or lack of love comes to the fore. Their hos-

tilities to each other and their parents come to the surface. The first thing most children want to know is what a parent left them. Parents who do not have or leave a will are really asking for a major melee. When parents have a will and the favorite child is the recipient of something that all of the children feel is valuable, that child is often the outcast. Too often, this child has been shunned by his/her siblings for some reason or another. Then, this may just have been the child who put more into loving a parent. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and take toll of our relationships with our children and our children with each other. We need more love.

## THIS N THAT

CONGRATS TO KEMBERLY MCDANIEL! THIS N THAT ... wants to take this opportunity and say ... CONGRATS ... to high school senior at Estacado High School ... KEMBERLY MCDANIEL who was recently inducted into the ... NATIONAL SOCIETY OF HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS... an honors organization which recognizes ... SUPERIOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT NATIONWIDE... In order to participate in this effort a person must be invited... THANKS, KEMME KEMBERLY MCDANIEL ... for making things happen for all of us...

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# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Compiled and Edited by Dr. Michael Ward  
November 30 - December 6

**It Happened ...**

\* Friday, December 4, 1619: Colonists held America's first Thanksgiving Day at an assembly hall in the Virginia wilderness. By custom and law, Thanksgiving Day is now celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November.  
\* Tuesday, December 3, 1833: Oberlin College in Ohio started classes as the first co-educational institution of higher learning in the US, enrolling 29 men and 15 women.  
\* Wednesday, December 6, 1865: The 13th Amendment to the Constitution, which abolished slavery, was ratified.  
\* Thursday, December 3, 1868: Blacks sat on a US jury for the first time, in the abortive trial of Confederate president Jefferson Davis.  
\* Tuesday, November 30, 1875: Black inventor A. P. Ashbourne was issued patent no. 170,460 for a "biscuit cutter." On the same date in 1897 patent no. 594,501 was

granted to black inventor J.A. Sweeting for a "device for rolling cigarettes."  
\* Saturday, November 30, 1878: The White House in Washington DC had its first telephone installed, by Alexander Graham Bell himself. President Hayes did not use it very often, because there were not many other telephones in Washington.  
\* Tuesday, December 4, 1906: Alpha Phi Alpha, the first black college greek letter fraternity, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.  
\* Thursday, December 6, 1923: President Calvin Coolidge delivered the first presidential address on radio, addressing a joint session of the US Congress.  
\* Tuesday, December 4, 1945: The United States joined the United Nations.  
\* Wednesday, December 5, 1945: The microwave oven was patented.  
\* Thursday, December 1, 1955: A black woman, Rosa Parks, refused to give up her seat to a

white man on a city bus, sparking the successful Montgomery Bus Boycott.  
\* Sunday, December 1, 1957: Sam Cooke and Buddy Holly and the Crickets debuted on the Ed Sullivan Show. Sam Cooke sang "You Send Me," which topped the charts for 3 weeks.  
\* Sunday, December 3, 1967: White South African surgeon performs the first successful heart transplant operation in Capetown, South Africa, with the patient Louis Washkansky surviving 18 days. Twenty-five years later, on Thursday, December 2, 1982 Barney B. Clark became the first recipient of an artificial heart, at the University of Utah. Clark survived over three months.

**In Sports History:**

\* Friday, November 30, 1956: Floyd Patterson became the youngest boxer to be named heavyweight champion at age 21 when he defeated Archie Moore.

**Born ...**

\* Sunday, November 30, 1924: Shirley Chisholm, in Brooklyn, NY. She was the first black woman elected to Congress, representing New York state for 7 terms, from 1969-1983. An unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1972, she remained an advocate for women's rights and peace in Viet Nam.

**Died ...**

\* Thursday, December 4, 1969: Fred Hampton, in Chicago, IL. Chairman of the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party, he was killed by Chicago police while he was sleeping. Fellow Panther Mark Clerk was also killed.

**Sign of the Zodiac:**

SAGITTARIUS is symbolized by an archer. Sagittarius, a fire sign, is ruled by the planet Jupiter. Astrologers believe that Sagittarians have fun-loving, friendly, philosophical, intellectual, straightforward, and expansive natures. Sagittarians

are optimistic, and sometimes have a naive belief that everything will turn out fine despite any obstacles.

**It's A Fact!**

On the evening of Thursday, December 1, 1955 Rosa Parks, a 42 years-old black seamstress on her way home from work, disobeyed Alabama state law and a Montgomery city ordinance when she refused the bus driver's order to give up her seat to a standing white man. Parks was jailed. The following Monday, December 5, 1955 the Montgomery Bus Boycott was begun, when African Americans refused to ride city buses in protest of the segregation laws which required black passengers to relinquish seats to white passengers when the bus was full; blacks were also required to sit in the back of the bus. The bus strike, organized by 26 years-old Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, lasted 381 days. The non-violent bus strike was successful, and led

to the 1956 Supreme Court decision banning segregation on public transportation.

Legend has it that Rosa Parks was sitting in the whites-only section of the bus and refused to get up because her feet were tired. She was, in fact, sitting in the "colored" section in the rear of the bus, but the law required blacks to relinquish those seats when the front of the bus was full. Clearly her personal act of defiance was spontaneous, but it is known that the local NAACP chapter, of which Parks was secretary, had been planning some form of organized action against the segregated bus system in Montgomery. Rosa Parks' arrest and subsequent bus boycott helped usher in the modern non-violent civil rights era in the US. Successful bus boycotts had been carried out to protest segregation in South African cities in the 1940's.

## African Americans Highly Supportive of Afternoon Programs, More Likely to Vote Against Candidates Who Would Cut Funding, New Poll Finds

African Americans Highly Supportive of Afterschool Programs, More Likely to Vote Against Candidates Who Would Cut Funding, New Poll Finds

Washington, D. C. - African American voters are more likely than other voters to support comprehensive, five-day-a-week afterschool programs, more willing to see taxes used to implement afterschool programs in their communities, and more likely to vote against candidates who support cutting afterschool funding, according to the Afterschool Alliance's new National Voters Poll on afterschool issues. African American voters were ten percent of the 800 registered voters in the nationwide survey.

The 2003 National Voters Poll found that, across the board, African American voters are more supportive of afterschool programs that white voters or voters overall. Although the poll finds high levels of support for afterschool programs among voters overall, African American voters consistently are even more supportive of federal, state and local funding for afterschool, and more willing to pay \$100 more a year in state taxes for afterschool programs.

Nearly three-quarters of African American voters (73 percent) polled are either very or somewhat willing to sup-

port the use of federal or state taxpayer money to implement an afterschool program in their community that would cost \$1,500 per child, compared with 62 percent of all voters polled. Nearly nine in ten African American voters (86 percent) say that in light of the President's proposal to cut funding for afterschool programs earlier this year, they are very or somewhat concerned about his commitment to "leave no child behind," compared with 75 percent of all voters.

"Afterschool funding was one of the most contentious domestic budget issues this year," said Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Judy Y. Samelson. "We hope this poll will inform the debate going forward. We will ask federal lawmakers for \$2 billion, or full funding under the No Child Left Behind Act, in the next fiscal year. Lawmakers should listen to their constituents who recognize that afterschool programs are a smart, sound investment in our children and our future."

African American voters are also more likely than other voters polled to consider a candidate's commitment to afterschool when voting. Twenty-eight percent agree that "officials who want to cut funding for afterschool don't deserve my vote." Overall, only 16 percent of voters agree with that statement.

The poll also finds that: Ninety-four percent of African American voters support a comprehensive afterschool program that operates five days a week, extends beyond the traditional academic style and gives children more individual attention.

Sixty-four percent of African American voters favor having their state taxes increased by \$100 per year to pay for every child to attend an afterschool program.

Three in five African American voters (60 percent) say there are not enough afterschool programs.

Nearly nine in ten African American voters (88 percent) support the federal government setting aside funds for afterschool.

The 2003 National Voters Poll was a telephone survey of registered voters age 18 and older conducted for the Afterschool Alliance in September by Lake Snell Perry & Associates and The Tarrance Group. The overall margin of error in the poll is +/-3.5 percent. It was funded by the C. S. Mott Foundation.

The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization supported by a group of public, private, and nonprofit entities dedicated to ensuring that all children and youth have access to afterschool programs by 2010.



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